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We hope the Governor, in the imminent presence of smallpox, will veto the anti-vaccination bill.

A change in the management of the General Land Office, which is predicted in our special Washington correspondence, might have important results in Hawaii.

Home Rule legislators concluded to take a Saturday off and amused themselves with the theory that the day would not count in the sixty days for which the Legislature was called. That they will perhaps find out differently does not worry them much seeing that the salary will go on as usual.

The Bulletin's eager defence of the political judge indicates that the latter's supply of pap-lack-tail fluid has not quite given out. When in need of anything, from cash to court advertising, the Bulletin has only to ask that it may receive, and the sole return demanded is fulsome praise. It is about the only thing, now that the grass is short, which keeps the little Bulletin alive.

There is nothing better politically for the Hawaiians to do than to become Republicans and Democrats, as other Americans are. The attempt to have a party of their own was foredoomed to be a failure. They are in peril, however, of being made the tools of conscienceless adventurers who want to use them for purposes of which they know nothing and by which they would fare badly both as politicians and as a people. That the Wilcox-Humphreys deal is purely mercenary in its aims is patent to everybody who knows the men.

The local experiment station, of which Mr. J. G. Smith is in charge, announces, through the Advertiser, that it has a variety of seeds which will be freely given to those who want them for planting. Some of these seeds are of forage plants which might prove desirable to farmers and dairymen. It is the purpose of the experiment station to ascertain what Hawaii can raise to advantage in the way of shrubs, plants and trees and introduce them here. The service promises to be a great help to island agriculture, much of the present work being unscientific in its methods and profitless in its results.

We shall rely upon Secretaries Meheula and Cayless to return the desks and type-writers, paid for by the Territory, which were delivered at their private lodgings. Not for a moment, of course, would we suggest that they intend to keep them, but in the rush and flurry of Honolulu life they might forget the fact that the Territory is the owner of the property. And let us suggest to Secretary Meheula, who probably never posted himself upon the intricacies of a type-writer, that it is not a toy for children to play with; also that the desk cannot be used to the best advantage as a kitchen table. The Territory, when it gets back its chattels, would like to find them in good condition.

The Board of Health acted with good judgment in not letting the soldiers from the infected transport come ashore. There was no more reason to take risks from them than from civilians. No assurance of safety to the people of Honolulu went with the proposition to house the force at the Kalahe Detention Camp as that immediate locality has a rather large population of natives and Asiatics who take such diseases quickly and carry them far. Bayonet quarantines are not very effective against the germs of smallpox. What is needed is a wide intervening zone of water or land. We are badly off in these respects at Honolulu, but would be worse off if we had to take infected people to our wharves, carry them on our railroad and lodge them within the inhabited limits of the town.

The Advertiser's expose of the Wilcox-Humphreys scheme to "work" the Hawaiian politicians for the personal advantage of the two conspirators and their haole friends, came like a bombshell in a dining room. The most ridiculous exhibition was made by the very little Bulletin which ran screaming to Wilcox saying: "Tell them it isn't so, tell them it isn't so!" while Bob, always complaisant when it comes to yielding up a fib, responded: "Of course it isn't. Why I don't know where Mr. Hum—what's his name? Oh yes, Mr. Humphreys, lives." It was difficult, under the circumstances, for Wilcox to recall the name of his political sidepartner without being prompted, and this, the Bulletin assured its hundred and fifty subscribers, was proof, strong as Holy Writ, that the story of the deal was false. As further assurance on that point might possibly be needed, Wilcox was quoted as saying that he did not care who held the local offices. Think of that! As His Lordship Bishop Willis sometimes remarks in the heat of controversy: "What unmitigated cheek!"

In a conversation last night the Rev. W. K. Azbill drew the attention of a representative of the Advertiser anew to the fact that The Honolulu News, Dr. Mitamura's paper, which is said to be a philanthropic enterprise, is taking a strong stand in favor of stamping out the evil of involuntary servitude in this Territory for which Japanese more than all others are responsible. This is most creditable to the doctor and to those who support him in it, and we have taken pleasure in giving our readers extracts from his paper in our issue of the 13th, that full credit might be awarded our law-abiding Japanese friends. So far, so good. But if the better class of Japanese in this country wish to convince the general public that they are in earnest when they advise the stamping out of slavery, for example, let them go before the U. S. Grand Jury and tell what they know about it. That they know enough to convict certain toughs who are operating in our midst, all believe. That these Japanese gentlemen of worthy inclinations have not the courage to lend their valuable aid, is also believed by many. We shall be glad to see and to make public any evidence they will furnish us of their sincerity. And the sooner the better.

NEWS OF WORLD  
CONDENSED

The plague is spreading in Cape Town. Russia is fearing more trouble in Manchuria. Count Tolstol has been banished from Russia. Olga Nethersole is said to be dying in London.

The conditions in Cuba show an improvement. The Russian-Japanese situation grows more threatening. Another big rusher has been struck in the Texas oil fields.

Dr. Schlicher, the African traveller and geographer, is dead. Filipinos are being placed in positions of trust in the Philippines.

A snowstorm recently created great havoc in the city of Pittsburgh. Several earthquakes are being reported from various parts of Europe.

The new warships are preparing to testify against Mrs. Botkin. Warsaw University has been closed to prevent a student demonstration.

The boycott of the Typographical Union on the New York Sun is now ended. Mme. Marcella Sembrich has sailed for Europe for a tour of rest and recreation.

Investigations are being made in the matter of commissary scandals in Manila.

It is reported that the Naval force in the Philippines is to be reduced very soon.

At secret sessions in Havana, Cubans have been discussing the Platt amendment.

The Boers recently wrecked a train near Mount Prospect and a heavy fight ensued.

General MacArthur has cabled that the tales of commissary fraud are very much exaggerated.

Consular reports show a big increase in Chinese trade last year notwithstanding the war.

The German battleship Prince Henry recently ran aground and was considerably damaged.

Mrs. George Woodman of Davisville, Cal., was fatally shot by her jealous husband on April 1.

A plan to reform the Foreign Office in China has at last been agreed upon by the Ministers.

The unpleasant Korean incident over the dismissal of J. McLeavy, has been amicably adjusted.

Relatives of the plague victims are endeavoring to conceal the corpses of the dead at Cape Town.

Two tracts of Alaskan land have been ordered reserved as reindeer stations by President McKinley.

J. Pierpont Morgan and other capitalists propose to build the Panama canal at their own expense.

A conspiracy against Chief Mataafa and the German Government was recently quelled at Samoa.

Mrs. Potter Palmer recently entertained 200 ward politicians who elected her son an Alderman of Chicago.

Gonzales, the insurgent Governor of Manila, seeing the hopelessness of resistance, has surrendered.

Li Hung Chang has admitted that he fears Russia and will make large concessions to maintain peace.

Spain has approved the basis of the treaty of peace and friendship between the United States and Spain.

Many iron and steel mills are preparing to suspend operations on account of strikes in the Scotland mines.

Charles H. Allen, Governor of Porto Rico, has gone to Washington. It is thought, to resign his office.

The runaway girl-cousin of the Duke of Hamilton has been found posing as a model for New York studios.

England has denied the rumor that she has made protest to St. Petersburg against the Manchurian treaty.

Mrs. Martha Gilmore of Bakersfield, Cal., has sued the Southern Pacific for \$20,000 for the death of her son.

Mrs. Botkin is fearful of her second trial. The question of jurisdiction will again be raised by her attorneys.

The punishment demanded by the powers has been greatly modified, only four executions being now required.

John Redmond, the Irish national leader in the House of Commons, may resign his seat to J. X. Merriman, a Boer.

as they do not wish a hotel near their mansion. Ex-Premier Sterioff at Bulgaria is dead. Cecil Rhodes is reported to be seriously ill.

Prince Tuan is under the protection of Russia. The battleship Ohio will be launched on May 18.

J. P. Morgan is to finance a Boston land company. In a recent Persian riot many Jews were killed.

A New Jersey firm has cornered the peanut market. M. Valdeck-Rousseau, the French Premier, is still seriously ill.

General Fitzhugh Lee is very ill with la grippe at Denver, Colo. Mr. Krueger is touring through Holland and being received cordially.

Dr. Chester Rowell of Fresno, Cal., is being urged for Minister to Japan. Aguinaldo is preparing a peace manifesto for the people of the Philippines.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a bill making kidnapping a capital offense. Miss Mabel Ulmer, a well-known evangelist, is to establish a Peniel Mission at Juneau.

It is said that George Q. Cannon, the Mormon apostle, is on the verge of mental wreck.

Chicken tamales and canned pigs' feet are to be added to the soldiers' menu in the Philippines.

Owing to famine and plague, the population of India has decreased over a million since 1891.

Lieut. Boyer of the Thirty-ninth Infantry is charged with misappropriating fifty-cases of bacon.

The Ohio W. C. T. U. have requested that wine shall not be served at the Presidential banquet.

Japan is making ready to fight Russia, and it is alleged that the Mikado is about to send an ultimatum.

The steamer Rhein, which arrived in New York from Bremen, broke the record by landing 2,500 persons.

The wreck of the collier Merrimack, which was sunk at Santiago, was blown up by dynamite on April 6.

The San Francisco Union Iron Works has secured the contract for building the protected cruiser Milwaukee.

It is said that an immense syndicate has purchased the San Francisco and San Mateo Railway for \$1,000,000.

The late census of the United Kingdom shows the population of England, Ireland and Wales to be more than 50,000,000.

It is said that the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe companies will build branch railroads into the Kern county oil fields.

Yellowstone Park is to be opened earlier than usual this year, that President McKinley may visit it on his Western trip.

The injunction restraining the payment of Countess Castellane's income, has been dissolved by the New York Court of Appeals.

By the strengthening of her recently established Naval stations in the South Pacific, France seems to menace the British interests there.

The agents at New Orleans have been advised by the War Office at London to buy no more mules and horses for the South African war.

The United States will maintain only a legation guard in China and will not countenance the proposed establishment of a line of garrisons.

General Castleman and the managing editor of the Louisville (Ky.) Commercial fought on the street recently over a difference of long standing.

Latest reports from Manila have it that the insurgents from one of the most troublesome districts have surrendered and the officials are greatly pleased.

Two jealous women of Oklahoma fought a duel with pistols. One woman was hit by two bullets in the breast but is anxious to get well and fight again.

Under date of April 6 it is stated that Colonel Plumer, at the head of a large detachment, is marching towards the Boer stronghold at Pietersburg.

In Shan-shi the Chinese are particularly hostile to foreigners and it is deemed unsafe for the missionaries there. The powers may send an expedition.

Mme. Ferriers, at the head of the French ambulance department, Johannesburg, has been presented with a Red Cross medal by Lord Kitchener.

Lady Cook has denounced the reports as to the death of her husband and says that she will have the remains exhumed to prove that his death was natural.

On April 4 the New York Stock Exchange was in wild excitement, immense buying and selling orders and wide fluctuations making it a remarkable session.

General Wood greatly mollified the Cuban radicals on the 4th inst. through a speech explaining the intentions of the United States and the reasons for the Platt amendment.

A statement of the Russian Official Messenger of April 5 declares that Russia did not intend to restore Manchuria to China and that the versions of the treaty were false.

It is telegraphed from St. Petersburg that the Grand Duke Michael, the heir apparent, will soon begin a tour of the empire for the purpose of studying administration methods.

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